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Maricopa County Establishes Mosquito Fogging Hotline

Residents can get daily updates on fogging locations

(Phoenix) The Maricopa County Environmental Services Department activated its new Mosquito Fogging Hotline today. Residents can call **602-372-3000** for recorded information on locations of nightly fogging operations. The Hotline will be updated when new treatment areas are identified.

Fogging operations are used a last resort to kill adult mosquitoes. Maricopa County Vector Control fogs only at night when adult mosquitoes are biting. Technicians use a man-made version of a natural pesticide produced by chrysanthemum flowers. The same ingredients are found in many commercial products used to control insects, including household insecticides, pet sprays and shampoos. The pesticide is mixed with a light mineral oil and applied as an ultra-low volume spray. This spray contains less than 1/100th of a pound of active ingredient per acre. The active ingredients in the spray also break down within minutes when exposed to sunlight.

County officials still need residents help in eliminating mosquito breeding sites, "We all need to be diligent keeping our backyards and property free of standing water," says John Townsend, Vector Control Program Manager for Maricopa County. "Make sure water bowls are changed regularly, ponds are cleaned out, and people should take precautions against bites when out in the evening."

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